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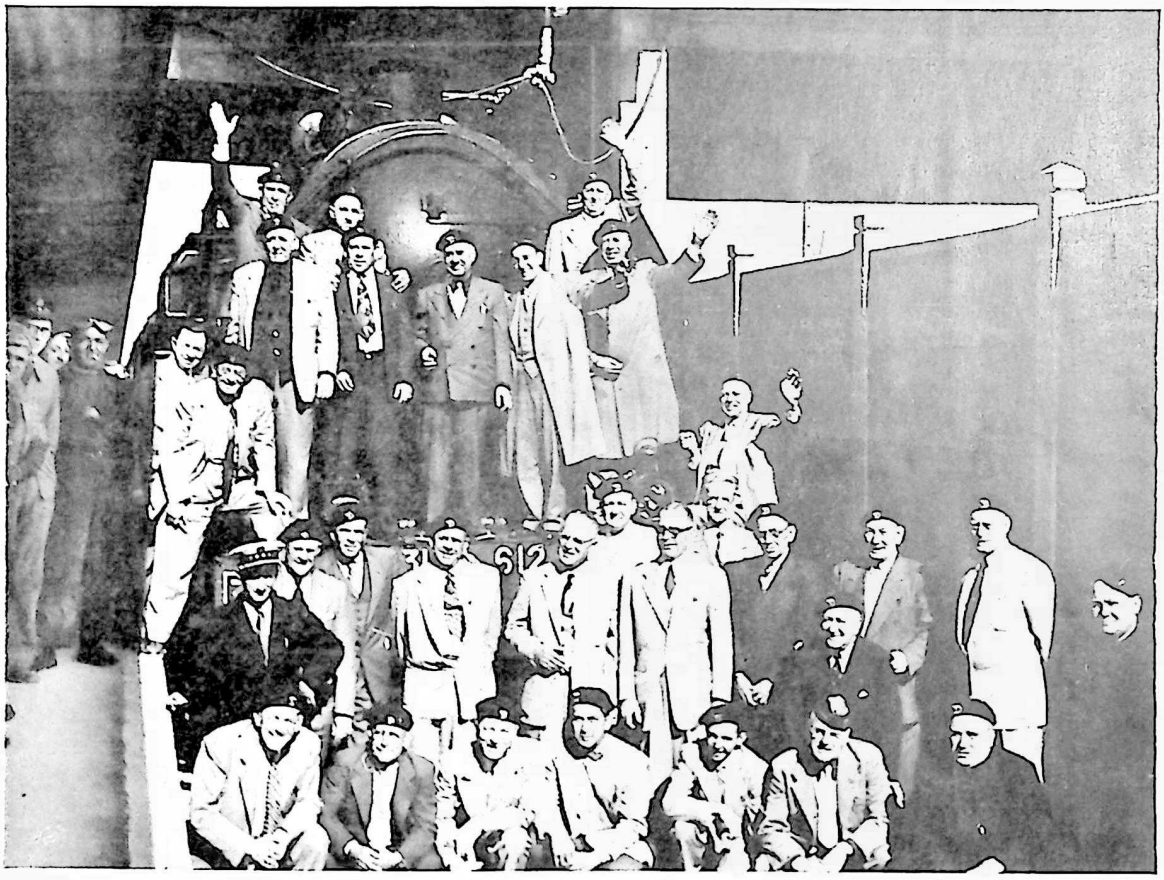

Photo shows YDVA group saying au revoir to Paris as they boarded train for Switzerland and Rome

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades:

Now that vacations are over and all chapters of the Yankee Division are starting their activities for the coming year, your National Commander wishes that each chapter would make an effort to increase its membership, either by getting new members or bringing back old members that have left the ranks of the Y. D.

During World War I and II when men of the Y. D. were hospitalized or on other occasions, separated from their Buddies, the cry was to get back to the Yankee Division. Why it is now that the same spirit is not shown by so many members, who could, but do not belong to the Y. D.

There are two main factors in every organization—Membership and Finance. The more members we have means the Finances for the Organization will be larger, and in a short time the Y.D. can be self supporting.

Your National Commander cannot do this job alone. No one man is bigger than the YDVA, so if all Chapters will make this the main project of the year, I know the Y. D. will stand on top where it belongs with other Veterans' Organizations.

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael P. O'Connor,
National Commander

Y. D. PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

By Michael J. Mooney

Early on the morning of June 11th, the big red bus that carried us to Versailles and a tour of Paris, drew up before the Hotel Ambassadores and the Y. D. group en route to Rome boarded it, after many hand shakes and farewells to those about to make the tour of Switzerland or return home.

A short drive through the sun-lit streets of Paris and we arrived at the Gare d'Orleans. Here we boarded the Oriental Express and was shown our compartments. Bill Fahey and I shared a stateroom in the fourth coach. Mr. Edwin Willimann our guide-companion announced that all would have to have their passports checked by the train authorities. The writer found his in his pocket. Bill Fahey searched high and low through his luggage and sadly announced that his passport was AWOL and missing. The train guards looked apprehensive, after all the Oriental Express was noted for the espionage fraternity of all nations that travelled on its luxurious cars.

The train was all agog! Would Bill be arrested and sent back in irons to the States? Was he in league with the Commies or had they stolen his passport? At last with the aid of the writer the passport was found in a sock hidden in the bosom of a shirt. Every one breathed a sigh of relief. Dinner was announced in the dining car as we neared the Italian border. A succulent meal, à la française, with red wine was enjoyed by all. It was still daylight at 10 P. M., when our beds were made. Most everyone turned in, tired after the previous day of shopping and sightseeing in Paris, topped off with an evening at the Folies Bergere.

The next morning after a continental breakfast, all gazed with amazement at the beautiful Italian landscape, well tilled farm lands, fields of vineyards,

YD Pilgrims in Rome

steep hill towns with castles on their crests and all the roads indicated with borders of poplar trees with the majestic Italian Alps rising dramatically in the background. The train slowed down at Pisa to give us a glimpse of the famous Leaning Tower. At Verona a moving picture outfit was at the station preparing to shoot a movie of "Romeo and Juliet." A few towns later on the trip, Padua, the home of St. Anthony created much interest.

We arrived at the ultra-modern station at Rome late that afternoon. We motored to the Hotel Eden in the new part of the city. After a delicious supper the writer and Bill Fahey strolled through the streets. We passed the sumptuous home of Claire Booth Luce, our U. S. Ambassador, and the embassy, that was once the home of Queen Margaret of Italy. Meeting Chick McGuiness and his wife, we sipped a glass of Italian wine at a sidewalk cafe and watched the people file past.

After breakfast next morning ensconced in our large bus we made a tour of ancient and modern Rome. The shutter-bugs found Rome as photogenic as Paris and their cameras worked overtime. The writer got some fine colored snaps of the "Spanish Steps", the Coloseum, the ancient Forum, various Roman temples, the huge statue and monument erected to Victor Emanuel II, where Italy's "Unknown Warrior" rests, Hadrian's Castle etc. Arthur Desmond with his camera took several shots of Marcus Aurelius, the ancient Roman City Hall and a nearby church, with over two hundred steps. Mr. Willimann our genial guide and conductor had great difficulty in rounding up the camera enthusiasts, remarking that Mike Mooney, Arthur Desmond taking pictures and Bill Fahey collecting autographs was disrupting his schedule and adding gray hairs to his head prematurely.

Our visit to the Basilica of Saint Peter and the Sistine Chapel with its murals and frescos by Michael Angelo was most interesting and instructive. The Vatican with its masterpieces of Michael Angelo, Raphael and the other great artists of the Italian school of art, its priceless tapestries, the beautiful library and section of maps were as interesting as the Louvre in Paris.

That afternoon the writer made another tour of the city. On his bus were tourists from Argentine and Spain. The lecturer described the scenes of ancient Rome in Spanish which would have delighted his friends in Boston's Castillian Club. This trip took in the Borgia Apartments, Quirenal Palace, Basilica of St. John Lateran, erected by the first Christian Emperor, Constantine, the ancient Appian Way, the world's first highway, Aqueducts of Claudius, an exciting trip through the Catacombs guided by the flickering light of an electric torch, an English priest as our guide and lecturer. Our group was admonished to stay together, not get lost, as the rats would eat us. The tour ended with a visit to the Domini Quo Vadis Chapel, the Baths of Caracalla and other places the writer has forgotten.

The highlight of our visit to Rome was the audience we had with His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, in conjunction with some 500 other pilgrims from all parts of the world. The Pope in the Audience Hall was carried on a platform by six stalwart members of the Swiss Guard, up and down the aisle of the hall for some 100 yards, blessing religious objects as he passed. He then mounted a platform at the end of the chamber and addressed the audience in six languages. He stressed in English his appreciation of the members of the Y.D. who re-dedicated their church in France and then were kind enough to pay him a visit. It was indeed a memorable occasion that will live forever in the memories of those present. Credit must be given Arthur Desmond for this memorable audience with the Pope. The next day we reluctantly departed from the Eternal City—the magnet of mankind since Romulus and Remus and the wolf settled beside the Tiber—relics of an immortal past. We boarded our large bus for Naples via the Invasion Route in the last war. We paused for an hour at the excavated city of Pompeii that was engulfed with lava by Vesuvius nearly 2000 years ago. Once the fashionable resort of Roman Emperors and nobles we saw sumptuous villas, temples, baths and paved streets showing the wheel marks of the chariots of long ago. The Y. D. group stopped at war torn Cassino with its ruined houses and shell torn Monastery on the crest of a high hill, now replaced with a new Monastery built by the U. S. Government, as were many of the houses and City Hall in the town under the Marshall Plan. The writer missed his luncheon shooting snaps of the ruins but was compensated with good negatives, a lasting souvenir.

We booked at the Hotel Vesuvius in Naples and then resumed our bus trip over the famous Amalfi Drive, a two lane road with many hairpin turns in its 160 mile length, hundreds of feet over the sea.

It was a thrilling trip, no one fell asleep, so apprehensive were they of their safety. We booked that evening at Hotel Vittoria in Sorrento, that Enrico Caruso said was Paradise, groves of orange and lemon trees grew every where.

The next morning we embarked on a steamer for the Isle of Capri, celebrated in song and story. At the island we were rowed in small boats to the Blue Grotto, a cave washed from the rocks by the blue waters of the sea during the process of million of years. One has to lie flat in the boat to enter the cave. Once inside in a cavernous like room with water and atmosphere is a transparent blue that reflects on the walls and gives one the eerie feeling of being in another world. We returned that evening to Naples by steamer greatly impressed with the beauty and charm of the bay, with Vesuvius, cloud shrouded rising majestically in the background.

After our coffee, rolls, butter and marmalade the next morning we entrained for Florence, the beautiful city famous for the renaissance or rebirth of art after the dark ages in Europe. Michael Angelo, Rapheal, Galileo, Dante and Leonardo da Vinci lived here and many are buried in the church of Santa Croce, the Westminster Abbey of Florence. We were assigned comfortable rooms at the Hotel Helevita. The following morning we toured the city visiting the famous Uffizi and Petti palaces and museums, the famous cathedral of different hued marble and a dome second in size to St. Peter's in Rome. The huge Baptistery doors, called the "Gate of Paradise" with sculptured scenes from the Bible in bronze, that the artist worked for 26 years to complete, was most impressive and draws a crowd all day. We visited the palace and chapel of the Medici family patrons of art and rulers of Florence for over 300 years and were impressed with the masterpieces of the great artists. All the centuries old bridges over the River Arno except one, the Ponte Veccho were destroyed by German air force in the war.

The people are religious and every street corner has a shrine in granite of the Virgin with flowers growing at its base. During our visit to the Uffizi Gallery the guide lecturer enlivened the usual gallery harangue with funny stories of the artists who painted the masterpieces. In the courtyard the shutter-bugs shot a nude figure of an enormously plump man in marble. The guide termed him "4 by 5" and the natives "Joe Spaghetti." At the hotel that evening Dr. DiVeto said that biologically the girls of Florence were the most attractive he ever saw, in beauty, posture and development. He asked me to ask the Italian desk clerk, who spoke French, the reason for this. The latter replied simply "spaghetti". The dumfounded expressions on our face caused him to smile and say. "I really do not know. Your movie producers in Hollywood are becoming aware of the charm of our girls. Perhaps it is the simple outdoor life they lead but most likely it is heredity and environment."

We left the "City of Flowers" the following afternoon after the ladies had made a raid on the shopping center and the writer had purchased one of the celebrated Borsalino felt hats. We then entrained for Venice, "Queen City of the Adriatic" via of Bologna and the Appennines. Many were the expressions of wonder, delight and amazement at the Y.D. group's first view of Venice, the "Oh! Look!" "Is it real?" "What a scene!" was some of the interjections of pleasure. We entered a gondola and soon were gliding over the Grand Canal to the Hotel Bauer-Gremwauld a mile away. This unique and beautiful city with 315,000 population is formed by 119 islands in the Adriatic. It is connected by 369 canals and 69 bridges, divided in two parts by the Grand Canal.

Venice was founded about 600 A.D. by groups of Italians from the north of Italy tired of fightin the barbarians and Visgoths and seeking peace an sanctuary on these islands then uninhabited. Soo the ships of Venice brought back wealth from Cathy and the East Indies and the people became wealthy. Marco Polo a Venetian was the first white man to visit China. The merchant princes built palaces and churches. The chef d'oeuvre of this splendid art was the extraordinarily beautiful Bascilicas of Saint Marks and the magnificent square of the same name said to be the largest in Europe. That evening after a delicious dinner on the terrace dining room of the hotel facing the Grand Canal, with colorful gondolas passing, we visited this huge square that was flood lighted. We sat at one of the tables, listened to the music of the band, sipped savory Italian wine and watched tourists from all corners of the world pass by.

(To Be Continued In The Next Issue)

COVERING YD SECTORS OF WW I

By Newton S. Courtney

This is a story about a World War I veteran who returned to France, traveling more than 300 miles at his own expense to express the appreciation of his comrades to the townspeople of Pompierre. He is a retired fire department captain of the Lowell Fire Dept. Joseph LeMire and his comrades were former members of Company K, 104th Infantry, 26th Division of World War I.

Pompierre is a village about 10 Kilometers south of Neuf Chateau. Its name cannot be located on most maps. There is one main street with about 50 typical stucco houses, each one having its familiar manure pile in front. At the present time its population consists of 275 hardy souls, 600 cows and other livestock of various types. Its town government is headed by the Maire (or Mayor) and 12 councillors. They work in the fields all day from sun-up to sun-down. The town is in darkness by nine o'clock every night. On Sunday they put on their Sunday best and each one of them goes to the small church to hear Curie Bardelli sing Mass. Curie Bardelli is a hard working priest riding a motorcycle between the towns of Sartes and Pompierre which makes up his parish. In short every single soul in Pompierre is a hard working, God fearing and kindly individual.

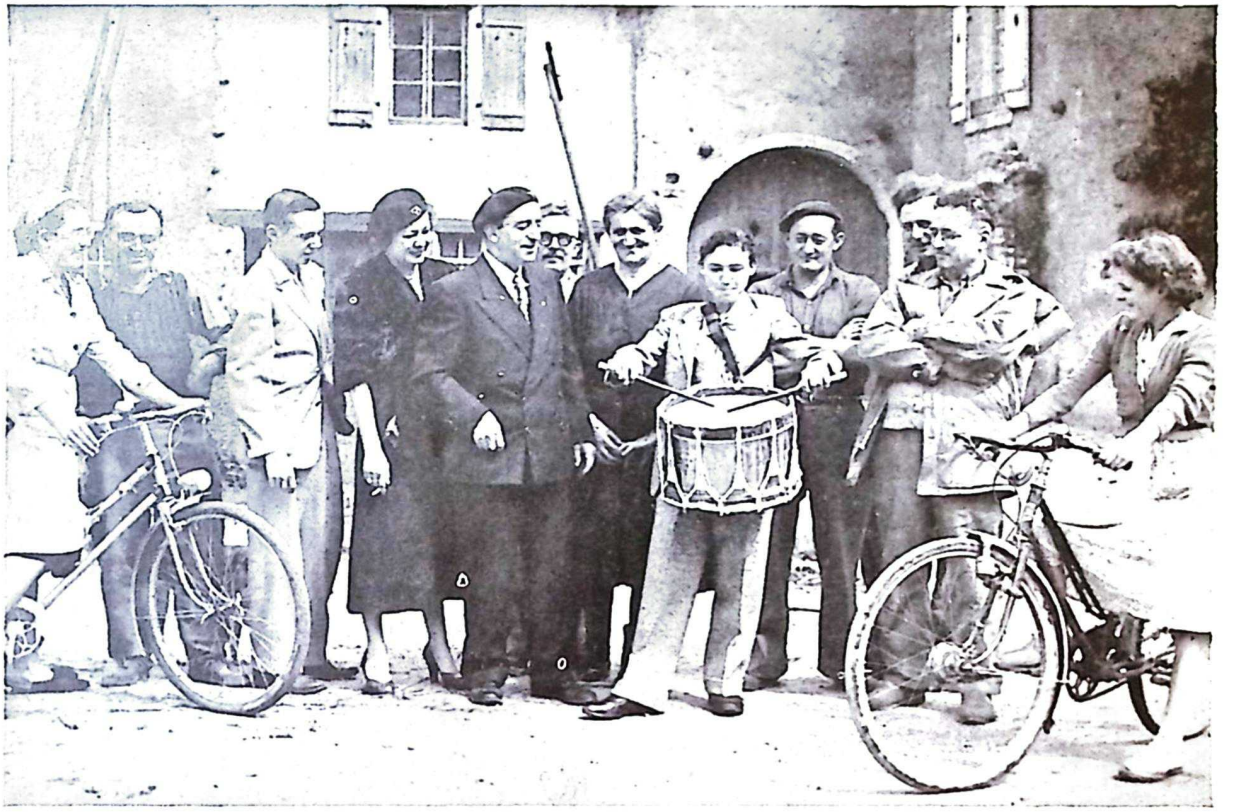
The idea of presenting a plaque to the town originated about three years ago by Captain Austin, war-time commander of Company K, and others. The top of the plaque shows an engraving of the 104th being decorated by General Passaga with the French Croix de Guerre, the first American regiment to be so honored. Below is the wording in English, stating that the members of Co. K, appreciating the kindness shown by the people of Pompierre when they were billeted in the town in the years 1917 and 1918, presents the plaque as a token of thanks.

LeMire arrived in Pompierre on Saturday, June 14, and was immediately greeted by the Maire who immediately proceeded to take him from house to house to introduce him to many people who either were small children or not born when LeMire was there.

—Courtney photo

Newton S. Courtney of Swampscott is shown looking at one of the two stone posts at entrance to YD Memorial Church at Belleau. Courtney is a veteran of both World Wars and has been a member of the Lynn YD Club since its organization more than 30 years ago. Courtney will send in articles and pictures of scenes familiar to YD men of both wars.

Not a soul in town speaks English, but LeMire speaks fluent French so it wasn't long before the bottle of champagne was brought out and toasts were drunk to Amerique and Francais. Saturday afternoon the town crier—a young boy with a drum—announced that a special Mass would be sung Sunday morning, followed by the unveiling of the plaque and the placing of flowers on the war monument in the town by Monsieur LeMire. The people of Sartes were also invited to attend. Early Sunday morning the women folks of the town were busy sweeping the streets. This process was sorely needed because, as stated before, the town has a lot of cows. Then children covered the street with leaves which made a soft carpet over the pavement. The Mass was sung promptly at eleven, followed by a procession to the Hotel de Ville (city hall) headed by the Curie with everyone following. Then followed dinner at the home of the Maire with LeMire and others as invited guests of honor. At two o'clock the townspeople again assembled at City Hall. The Maire, Curie and Councillors with the four Americans present all drinking champagne toasts to the 104th Infantry, America and France. Then followed the unveiling of the plaque by Maire Paul. The procession formed once again and proceeded to the monument for the town's soldier dead where LeMire placed flowers. He also presented the school teacher of the town with a large volume entitled "History of the 104th Infantry Regiment". The teacher stated that she plans to have everyone of her pupils read the book before another year passes.



—Courtney photo

The town crier (with drum) announces program of the day at 7 AM on the day of the unveiling of the plaque. Americans in photo are third from left Newton C. Courtney and Rosemarie Courtney of Lynn Chapter and Joe LeMire.

LeMire is staying in town as the guest of the Maire for a few more days and then will depart for other World War I scenes before returning home.

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Coming in near future: Pix and article on other WW I scenes — Liffol-le-Grande, Neuf Chateau, Toul, Boucq, Apremont, Verdun, the Argonne, etc.

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Mr. D. C. Wallace (the man in Velvet Cap) Adjutant, V F W in Japan presenting the relief gift to a suffered family of Yawata City. Served with Co C 104th Infantry WW I. The soldier on the right is Sergeant Albert Megna who served with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 101st Infantry, Yankee Division in World War II.

Good relief stuff were handed to the people of both Moji and Yawata City Island of Kyushu who suffered from the recent big innundation. Mr. Dennison C. Wallace, Adjutant Post 9450 VFW, who had witnessed the harrowing scene of the past calamities caused by the unprecedented heavy rain during his stay in Northern Kyushu on his performing the duty for the audit of special procurement contract for the Yawata Iron & Steel Co., had arranged the project at once upon his returning to Tokyo so that helpless sufferers should be consoled by the warm hand. He had succeeded to gather $1,000.00 through his cabling to VFW Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and the good will of the members of the VFW Post 9450 in Japan contributing $1,000.00 which was decided to be donated to the sufferers of both Moji City and Yawata City in the form of relief kits containing clothing, food, medecine and shoes. Mr. Wallace and Master Sergeant Albert Megna visited here yesterday carring the gift packages to sixty-three families respectively in Yawata and Moji City. The other members of the VFW relief committee who assisted in delivering these gift packages were John McIntyre, Quartermaster and Edward T. Smith.

DINNER FOR PAST COMMANDER

A Testimonial Dinner for Past National Commander Bourget will be held at the Lindsey Tavern, Pawtucket, R. I. on Saturday, October 24th. Get your tickets from National Headquarters or Al Shabbott of Pawtucket.

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CHATS WITH THE GENERAL

This is my second part of the series Guy Watts ordered me to write. With Convention activities in the past, I now fully expect to be deluged with your anecdotes of interesting things that happened in the YD.

I missed the Convention *again*. This was my first year without personal obligations and I was sure I would get there, even if just for Saturday and Sunday. I was wrong. I know you had a fine Convention, lots of fun and much done for the good of the YD.

These annual gatherings are one, (even if only one) of the must for YDVA. If we are to "keep it alive" then we've got to talk face to face occasionally. Since I've missed the last four, I suppose I'm a fine one to talk about the necessity for supporting them. I assure you that I have missed them reluctantly and only because of compelling reasons.

Camaraderie, esprit, good fellowship all are engendered with and by these get-togethers. What is better than seeing and talking with the men with whom you went through training and combat. I know of nothing that welds men together like danger successfully overcome. You all can attest to that as well as I. And it's fun to listen to the stories that grow bigger and better year by year.

So each year you would think we'd be overwhelmed with applications, reservations and what have you. But it isn't that way at all. Annually, a hard-working group makes plans, commitments, pledges; risks losing wife, family and friends to put on a good show, to provide each of us with an interesting and happy four days. Chances are they finish just on the safe side of a nervous breakdown, having finally taken their objective (a rip-snorting Convention). But, in the process, they spent time, money and energy they could ill-afford.

So what is your point, General, say you. Well, it is this. I realize that only a few of us can tell for sure a year ahead that we can get to the next year's Convention. But we *can* begin to lay our plans. We *can* begin to save money toward it. We *can* arrange for our vacation or time off at that period. We *can* make our reservations and a down payment as an option on space. We *can*, by these early actions, make life happier and the job easier for those saddled with the next Convention job.

And if we don't make it because of last-minute claims on our time—we haven't lost much materially. As a matter of fact, each year there are some in each Chapter who either can't afford it or who decide at the last minute they can go. Your advance reservation will help the latter, and your down payment could well help some who otherwise couldn't go—unless you must have a refund.

I, for one, am sending my reservation and a down payment *now* to the next Convention Committee. Perhaps you'll join with me so that the Committee will know early how many to count on.

See you next Convention —

Lt. General W. S. Paul

Yankee Division Veterans Association National Executive Committee Meeting

Boston, Mass., August 16, 1953

The last regular meeting of the N. E. C. was held at Boston on Sunday, August 16, 1953.

The first business was the election of a National Secretary. National Secretary Watts offered his resignation which was accepted. A Motion was made by PNC Sullivan, Seconded by Nat'l Historian Goss that H. Guy Watts be elected National Secretary of the YD Veterans' Association for the coming year. Motion Passed.

National Secretary read the Auditor's report of the previous year. Report printed in this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that a past Nat'l Commander's button be presented to H. Guy Watts, who was voted a Past National Commander at the Convention in New Haven.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the Committee go on record of thanking the Pilgrimage Committee for the generous donation of $676.50, also a letter to the Gen. Chairman, Larry Cook for the wonderful work he did on the Committee the past year and the Committee be discharged with thanks.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the name of Carl Prescott replace the name of Charles Gleason on Members at Large of N. E. C. on account of a duplication. Also Thomas Porter to replace Albert Lindgren for the same reason.

Meeting adjourned at 6.15 P. M.

Yankee Division Veterans Association National Executive Committee Meeting

Worcester, Mass., Sept. 20, 1953

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association was held at the YD Club of Worcester on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1953.

National Commander O'Connor opened the meeting at 2.40 p.m. with the following present: Nat'l Comm., Nat'l Secy., Nat'l Sgts-at-Arms Reimer and Tetrault, Ass't J. Adv. Titus. Dept. Commander's Nute, Kittredge, Justynovicz and Meikle. P.N.C. Bourget and Sullivan members at large, Porter, Anderson, Amastae, Caravatt. Chapter Commanders: Fontaine, Story, Robichaud, Fallon, Wyscenski. Delegations from Haverhill, Boston and Worcester attended.

After salute to the colors the prayer was read by Jack Farquahar and the Nat'l Commander asked for 30 seconds of silence for our departed comrades.

A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED to dispense with the regular order of business and proceed with the Installation of the National Commander.

Past Nat'l Comm. James Sullivan was presented as the Installing Officer. Installing Officer read the ritual of installation to Commander O'Connor, and congratulated the new National Commander and wished him much success for the coming year.

National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Cash on hand $4166.21 with all bills paid.

MEMBERSHIP: 300 above last year.

WAYS AND MEANS: First 200 plates most all disposed of.

TORNADO FUND: $669.00 received from pledges made at Convention. $625 has been paid out so far. Fitchburg Chapter presented check for $25.00, their contribution.

NEW BUSINESS: A letter was read by Nat'l Secretary Watts from a member of the Boston Chapter, Major John Caddle, who is serving with the 26th Div. R.O.K.'s asking if it would be possible to send a letter from the Association greeting the 26th Div. R.O.K.'s and wishing them success. A MOTION was made, SECONDED and PASSED that the Secretary write the letter.

Question of Past Dept. Commander's serving on Nat'l Exec. Comm. The motion was read, that was taken at the Gloucester Convention and nothing could be done until the next Convention.

Discussion was had on Membership. Those speaking were Gardiner Hall, Jack Farquahar, James Sullivan.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

LETTER FROM KOREA

Hqrs. KMAG AU-8202
26th Div. ROK Advising Group
APO 264 c/o PM
San Francisco, Calif.
8 Sept. 1953

Dear Guy

Just a note to give you my new address. You will note I am assigned as an advisor to the 26th Div. R.O.K. The Commanding General is Brig. Gen. M. Z. Lee, and the ROK's call it the "Sun Division". The Advising Group and the Commanding General would be grateful if the old 26th and the present 26th Division would send their greetings and wishes for success.

Sincerely Yours,
Major John Caddle,
(101st Inf. WW-II)

P. S. General Sirois (CG present 26th Div.) has sent a letter to the Division. At a National Executive Committee meeting of the YD Veterans Association the Secretary was instructed to write a letter from the Association greeting the 26th Div. ROK's.

Is Awarded 12th Service Medal:

Incidental to military service since May 1, 1916 in the Regular Army, National Guard and Army Reserve—Leon F. Denis—one of our remaining Life Members was recently notified by The Adjutant General of award to him of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. This constitutes his 12th such award viz; Mexican Border, World War I Victory with 5 stars, American Defense, World War II Victory, National Defense, Korean Service medal with 2 stars, United Nations medal, Good Conduct medal, French croix de Guerre and French Inter-Allied Medal. Denis is currently serving his final tour of duty with the Massachusetts Military District at the Boston Army Base.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Michael P. O'Connor, 60 Maple St., Florence, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander: Harold A. Nute, 2 Preston St., Worcester, Mass.
Adjutant: Archie J. McInnis, 59 Windsor St., Worcester, Mass.

STATE MEETING

First, we would like to introduce our new Treasurer, Leon LaVallee of Northampton who was elected at the June meeting. We know he will be a capable and faithful officer.

Next, and no less important, the State Department would like to send best wishes for a successful year to the newly elected National Officers.

The National Convention held in New Haven, Connecticut was one of the best in years and we all want to thank the Committees for the way they handled the affairs with particular mention to the General Chairman, Mr. A. R. Teta. He was right on the job all the way through.

We send our thanks to the Past National Commander, Joseph L. Bourget for the service he did for the good of the YDVA during the past year.

And to our new National Commander Michael "Mike" O'Connor from Northampton, Mass—our sincere best wishes. Good Luck to you Mike for the best year ever, from the Officers of the State Department YDVA.

Most interesting and enjoyable speeches were given by guest speakers Governor John Lodge of Connecticut and Mayor William C. Celantano of New Haven and by Past National Commander Michael Del Isola and Past National Commander James (Cowboy) Sullivan.

Quite a few of our boys from Worcester attended the Convention as well as members of the Auxiliary and the most fun was had by all when we ended the Grand March at the Armory sixteen abreast, breathless but triumphant.

We are very sorry that Major Edward S. Bird and his wife could not attend the National Convention because of his illness—we sure missed you "Ed."

Memberships are coming in slowly, but it is hoped that they will begin to build up faster now that the Convention is over. Let's try hard on our membership drives to attract both World War I and II Veterans' to your chapters—it is the only way to keep the YDVA alive.

Would each Chapter Secretary please send me the current address of both your Chapter Commander and yourself as soon as possible so that correct information will be readily available when needed.

The State Department is proud to announce that our Department Sgt.-at-Arms, Henry Contois of Worcester, Mass., was elected to the National Board as Assistant National Service Officer—congratulations to you Henry.

Comrade Kierstead of Worcester is still at the Chelsea Soldier's Home. He would like to see some of his comrades, so try to pay him a visit or send him a card or letter.

As many of you already know, the next National Convention is to be right here in Massachusetts at Boston, so let's start preparing right at the beginning of the year to build our organization so that when the time comes "we'll be bustin' out all over!"

Archie J. McInnis,
Adjutant, State Dept.

Next meeting State Dept. at Haverhill, Mass., Oct. 4.

BEVERLY

Commander: Norman L. Day
4 Southern Ave., Essex, Mass.
Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

After the usual quiet summer, Beverly Chapter opened its season's activities on Monday, August 31st by having dinner at the "Chop Stick House" in Wenham, many members having been accompanied by members of their families. Chop Stick House is conducted by King Y Yee, a member of the Beverly Chapter, through his participation in WW-II. The

Chapter members and their guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening and look forward to a repeat performance in the near future.

The Beverly Chapter was honored at the New Haven convention by its Commander Norman Day being elected Department Chaplain. Taking up his duties soon after the convention, he has made many visits at hospitals in which YD comrades are confined.

Some of our members took advantage of the summer weather and made long vacation trips. Leslie Morgan with Mrs. Morgan and friends enjoyed a motor trip to the Yellowstone National Park, and while there continued on to California. Philip Browning and Mrs. Browning took a trip to Denver, Colo., where they visited their son, returning east with him by motor. While in Denver, Phil visited Fay Chapin, F Bty, 101st F.A., and also met up with Carl Vetter of C Bty, also of 101st F.A. Carl says he would like to hear from some of the former C Bty. He works in the Denver Post Office, so that it should not be difficult to locate him.

We are pleased that Past Dept. Commander, Edwin L. Streeter has fully recovered and returned to his duties. Roland H. Choate, formerly 101st and 102nd F.A., is confined to Camp Edwards Hospital, Camp Edwards, Mass., with a heart attack. Why not dig down and send him a card, boys.

I do not remember if I mentioned it in the last issue of "Yankee Doings" or not, but J. Stillman Mayo passed away after a long illness. Beverly Chapter and old F. Bty certainly did themselves proud in paying "Stillie" a final tribute.

That is about all of the news for this time, so I will be with you again after the October meeting, and so long until then.

Thomas J. Wallace, *Secy.*

BOSTON

Commander: Edward J. Kane
223 South St., Brookline, Mass.

Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

Following a quiet summer and after the Labor Day holidays, activities are picking up, especially on the first floor. The Orchestra on Friday and Saturday evenings started on Sept. 25th.

Visitors at the Club this summer were: Phil Sousa (D Co, 101 Inf, WW-I) and family from Allentown, Pa. Phil is a Past Commander of the YD Post No. 290, A. L., and is a charter member of the Club.

1st Lt. Bob Griffin, 1st Sgt. Med Det. 101st Inf, WW-II, was on a short furlough from the Air Field Base at Wichita, Kansas, where he is now stationed. The same old Bob, as young as ever.

Colonel Oscar Bohlin, 1st Corp Cadets (101st Eng, WW-I) was a recent visitor for the first time since 1940, when he went on active duty with the 211th C.A. in 1940, and after retiring from the service has been making his home in El Paso, Texas.

Carl Parker (Co 'E' 101 Inf, WW-II) and wife were in Boston for a few days and some of the boys of the company entertained them at the Club one evening.

Charles Thomas (H Co, 104 Inf, WW-II) stopped off for a short while to get some addresses of fellows he served with.

Dr. Harold Feinberg (2nd Bn. Hqrs. 328th) happened to be walking by and was surprised to find a YD Club, so dropped in and asked for information on several buddies. He is living and practicing in Chicago. He was visiting the Medical Center in the city.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William Dressner
140 Central St., New Bedford, Mass.

Secretary: Jesse Briggs
11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, Mass.

Officers installed June 10, for the years 1953-54. Commander, William Dressner, 140 Central St., New Bedford, Mass.; S. V. Commander, James Downey, 420 Wood St., New Bedford, Mass.; J. V. Commander, Joseph W. Blanchette, 376 Coggeshall St., New Bedford, Mass.; Treasurer, Walter W. Johnson, 49 Walnut St., Fairhaven, Mass.; Secretary, Jesse Briggs, 11 Cherry St., Fairhaven, Mass.

June 10, 1953 a reunion of the New Bedford Chapter was held at the Sunlight Restaurant, supper and refreshments were served and Captain William Barter of the National Guard showed moving pictures "The History of the Yankee Division" and "Crimes of Korea".

The following Comrades were installed: Commander, William Dressner, Senior Vice Commander, James Downey. Junior Vice Commander, Joseph

Blanchette, Treasurer, Walter W. Johnson; Secretary, Jesse Briggs.

The Comrades that attended the Reunion were: James Barber, Jesse Briggs, James Downey, Joseph Lajeunesse, James McQuade, Charles Stanley, Charles J. Caron, Francis O'Leary, Joseph W. Blanchette, Clifton Gifford, John Waldo, Henry Kenyon, William Carroll, Herve Boisclair, Malcolm Coderre, William Dressner, Edward Lucas, Leo Meekin, Dr. Fred H. Winship, Walter W. Johnson, Armand Duclos, Dester D. DuBois, Norman Lucas, Alphonse Fortin, William Etchells, Charles Bowden, Vincent Cotnior, Joseph O. Hall, Edward Macy, John W. Morrison, Harold Winslow, Ernest G. Parker, William Barter, Anthony Arruda, Charles Stringer, John Sullivan, Anthony Mello.

Dester D. DuBois.

LYNN

Commander: Eustis B. Grimes
89 Aspen Road, Swampscott, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

Regular weekly meetings every Tuesday were held all summer with our monthly smoker the last Tuesday being well attended. Commander Eustis Grimes has planned many activities for the coming fall and winter, with a big membership drive starting in September.

Communities appointed by Commander Grimes are: Judge Advocate, Walter Smith; Service Officers, William Eddows and Leon Varnam; Funeral Committee, William Eddows, Walter Smith, Claude Hoag and Lawrence Kelley.

Publicity: A. Raymond Doucette, Leon Varnam, Edmond Trudell and Newton Courtney.

Sick Committee: Herbert Weeks, George Walton, Edwin Streeter, Charles Benway.

Graves Registration: Leon Varnam, William Eddows.

Legislation: Earl Bailey, Charles Scanlon.

Ways & Means: Thomas Curran, Charles Scanlon and Oliver Nichols, Edward Nicholson, Leslie Pugh and Edwin Streeter.

House Committee: William Eddows.

Finance Committee: A. Raymond Doucette, Charles Scanlon, Edward Nicholson, Thomas Curran, Robert Hurley.

Membership Committee: Robert Hurley, Oliver Nichols, Claude Hoag, A. Raymond Doucette, Richard Hennessey, Leon Varnam.

Plans are being formulated for our annual Xmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers' Home Hospital which is our feature endeavor for the year.

Mass. State Dept. Meeting will be held in Lynn, Sept. 13, at the Oxford Club and we hope to entertain a large turnout.

Received many letters and cards from our Y.D. pilgrimagers, Claude Hoag, Leon Varnam, Newt. Courtney and Leander Maes, all members of Lynn Chapter.

The Duke

PLYMOUTH

"Plymouth Rock Chapter"

Commander: Alfred N. Gifford
3 Sagamore Street, Plymouth, Mass.

Secretary: Earl Alexander
65 Alden Street, Plymouth, Mass.

Our last meeting was held at the Legion Camp, West Pond and was well attended with twenty-eight members present. Plans are progressing for our Annual Clam Bake, Sunday, August 16. The Camp was recently completely renovated.

Fred Jackson of Boston was present. Frank Monish and Clifton Burgess cooked the dinner and served it, also did the cleaning up and KP.

Karl Roberts was named General Chairman of the Reunion and Clambake. Several Spanish War Vets. joined us, including Sheriff Charles Robbins, Brig. Gen. Andrew J. Carr, James Eddy and Clarence Sherman.

Al Gifford has charge of the tickets, Earl Alexander the refreshments. President of D Co, Frank Monish and his staff will cook the grub for the Reunion, so let's hope all D Co, men are here to enjoy it.

Earl Alexander, *Secy.*

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Hugo M. Scagliarini
165 Middlesex St., Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Thomas Crokan
21 Home Street, Springfield, Mass.

Hello Folks, How Ye All? Well, here I am with some news of the Chapter. Our Chaplain and other members of the Chapter have made many visits to the Holyoke Soldiers' Home to see Abe Flescher who

had a very serious operation, and is doing pretty well. Abe was in G Co, 104th, WW-I. He would like to hear from some of the G Co, Buddies. Bill Ferrier, Old Top Kick of the Machine Gun Co, is also there. For being 78 years of age, his mind is very sharp. Drop him a card. P. C. Andy Birnie of D Co, of Holyoke is there too. Anyone who count's himself a friend of Andy's better pay him a visit. Bill Plankey from B Co, is back in again and would appreciate a card or two from the gang.

It may come as a surprise to many of you to know that the Chapter has sold the YD. Club on Round Hill and will meet for the time being in the Quarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Bliss St. (No. 15). We are planning our fall program and hope that more of the members will turn out.

Both the Chapter and its auxiliary donated money to the Worcester YD. Relief Fund. Kit Crokan a Bear Cat when it comes to Rehab and Hospital work. Being the one to raise money for the Tornado Fund in Worcester. She entertained 45, at a Hamburg Roast Picnic Dinner. Hamburgs and Dogs were cooking on the fireplace and the corn was on a hot plate in the garage.

It was a good time — everybody happy and not a bottle of beer served. And she made money at that. The Chapter voted $25.00 to the Auxiliary for the wonderful work they did this year. Ye Secretary's cellar is now the YD. Dugout. Just like Al Herman's, even to pctures and banners as well as the office equipment. This is Old Man Crokan signing off and saying "Let's get together and cooperate and help the YD. instead of standing at the Bar or curb and condemning it. Oh, yes, just been appointed to the By-Law Committee. Was asked for by Gardiner Hall.

T. F. Crokan

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Commander: Guy M. Kittredge, 33 Prospect St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Wilfred M. Bresette, 84 Lexington Av., Providence 7, R. I.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

Commander: Edwin N. Story
9 Sumter Street, Providence, R. I.

Secretary: Guy M. Kittredge
33 Prospect St., Cranston, R. I.

The summer months are over and Providence Chapter is back in harness again.

A lot has happened to our comrades during vacation. Past Commander John Mitchell lost his Mother, Past Commander Bill Bresette lost his Father and Louis Fenner lost his Father. Lawrence Paolino a member of Headquarters Company passed away. Bill Bresette is in Veterans' Hospital, Davis Park, Providence. Frederick Vogt is in the Naval Hospital, Newport, R. I. Roy Simpson is in the South County Hospital, Wakefield, R. I. All three boys are on the road to recovery, but drop them a card.

Providence had a poor meeting for the first one of the season, this September, but looks forward to the October 5th meeting. That night we hope to have the motion and still pictures that Larry Cook took on his trip to France, and that ought to be worth seeing. All Paid-up members and their wives will be taken care of with a buffet lunch by the Chapter. These pictures and lunch, plus the meeting of your old buddies, is worth the paying of your Dues.

So if you do not have a Paid-up card for your 1953-1954 Dues—how about sending in a check or cash to your secretary. It's so nice to know you are in the old gang.

Please don't forget the Armistice Sunday, a Memorial to our departed comrades. More on this later.

Yours in YD Comradeship,

Guy M. Kittredge, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Commander: Weldon J. Melanson, 15 Weldon St., Sanford, Maine

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY

Commander: Thomas Edgar Hudson
182 Summer St., Auburn, Main

Secretary: Norman S. Thomas
150 Sabbattus St., Lewiston, Maine

At the annual meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association, held at the clubhouse, Parsons' Mill, Auburn, Thomas Edgar Hudson, 182 Summer street, Auburn, who served in World War I with the 101st Trench Mortar Battery was elected commander. He is in charge of the vegetable department at the Mohican Market, Lewiston.

Frank Jackson, RFD No. 2, Auburn, was elected senior vice-commander with Harold Howard, 31 Spring street, Auburn, junior vice-commander. Jesse C. Farnum, Lewiston and Norman S. Thomas, Lewiston, were re-elected treasurer and secretary respectively with Joseph Cychol, East Auburn, chaplain. Michael F. O'Brien, Lewiston, was elected Sgt-at-arms with Stephen P. Farrell, Auburn, historian, while Past Commander's Eugene Beaudoin, Isadore Fogel and Richard Woodbury, (WW-II), were named trustees.

N. S. Thomas

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: Harold S. Fallon, 97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Harold S. Fallon
97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Clarence A. Byron
156 Sagamore St., Manchester, N. H.

Regular meeting of Manchester Chapter YDVA, was held at the usual time and place Sept. 9, with Commander Fallon presiding.

The regular monthly cigarette night at the V. A. Hospital was carried on as usual with the help of the Auxiliary.

A letter of appreciation was received from Commander Fontaine of the Worcester Chapter for our donation to the Disaster Fund.

Commander Fallon is trying hard to stir up the members to get together and work for a Convention here in Manchester in 1955.

We are going to try and increase our membership. Following the meeting a Box Lunch was served by the Auxiliary.

Clarence A. Byron

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Commander: Enoch Lyman, RFD 3, Montpelier, Vermont

RUTLAND CHAPTER

Commander: George F. Richardson
63 Pleasant St., Ludlow, Vt.
Secretary: Harold E. Stoddard
41 High St., Ludlow, Vt.

The last meeting of the Chapter was held on August 21 at Charlie Gleason's camp.

A fine report was given by Charlie on the National Convention at Hartford in June.

It was voted to get in touch with Past National Commander Bourget and try and get him to come to Vermont and give a talk on the Pilgrimage. Bass, Perch and Bull heads are biting good now, so if some of you fellows down below want to get in some good fishing before the snow comes, drop around.

Harold Stoddard, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Michael F. Gustynowicz, 108 North Eighth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr., 1017 So. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Penn.

NEW YORK

Commander: Lawrence I. Hammer
225 West 34th Street, N. Y. 1, N. Y.
Sec.-Treas.: Edmund C. Polakowski
86-09 57th Road, Elmhurst 73, N. Y.

Either deliberately or through a printer's error several paragraphs on New York Chapter News was omitted in July-Aug. issue. The several missing paragraphs make it appear that the New York Chapter did not back its own Past Commander for Department of the East Commander, at the recent convention. That this is not the case, would be putting it mildly. New York, and I think I can safely speak for the remainder of the East, thinks highly of Michael S. (Mike) Justynowicz. He is the only World War II, Past Commander from New York. Mike was nominated by New York and duly seconded by New York, and at the Elections of the Department of the East, Mike Justynowicz was elected Department Commander unopposed, which is more than can be said of some of the other National officers.

The deleted paragraphs of New York News, should appear on Page 20, between the third and fourth paragraphs. You will note, that one paragraph winds up congratulating Mike (Justynowicz) on his election and telling him to roll up his sleeves and go to work. The very next paragraph starts off somewhat in this manner, "Mike, while New York did not back you for Commander . . . " This is a true fact, but it refers to our present National Commander, Mike O'Conner. All that was done, is that the paragraphs relating to New York's caucasing and deciding to stick with Porter, and the eventual seconding speeches for Tom Porter by this writer and by Bob Dickson, with a remark as to the report of same in the New Haven Registrar were omitted.

Some day, Mikes' (Justynowicz) young son and daughter will read back issues of Doings, and we don't want them to think that their old man wasn't even backed by his own Chapter.

Yours in Comradeship,

Lawrence I. Hammer

PHILADELPHIA
"Quaker City Chapter"

Commander: Francis J. Gallagher
105 Garth Road, Oreland Pa.

Secretary: George C. Linthicum
1007 Minden Lane, Collingdale, Pa.

Our Chapter held its annual Installation Banquet on May 2, 1953 at the Augusta King Ranch in Turnerville, New Jersey. All who attended agreed that it was the biggest and best affair we have had in several years. (Some said since the end of WW-II.) The committee reported that total attendance was 68. This represented an increase of over 90% from the 1952 banquet. And, strange as it may seem, we came out with figures instead of the usual red ink. The books showed a profit of approximately $60.00. Credit is due everyone who attended, the old Chapter members as well as several new members who showed up and had, I'm sure, a wonderful time. The banquet committee deserves special praise—Chick Frazier, George Linthicum and Don Ross all worked hard on the many details involved in planning for this affair.

We were glad to see Comrade Larry Hammer and his wife and Dr. Surls from New York there. Out of town guests are always welcome at our affairs, and I hope they enjoyed themselves as much as some of our gang do when they attend New York Chapter affairs.

There was good music and dancing afterward, thanks to "Chick" who had arranged for it.

Bill Brown was surprised and practically speechless to hear that he had won the coveted table tennis trophy. I'm afraid that everyone had forgotten that a trophy was to be awarded at the banquet. All, that is, except George Linthicum, who made the presentation. "Brownie" will have to remain in good shape to retain it during the coming year.

On May 30, we held Memorial Services at Comrade Patrick J. Carden's grave in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Comrades attending were Francesconi, Frazier, Gallagher, Linthicum, Raver, Ross and Cy Teblum who was home on leave prior to transfer to Washington State. The weather man was very uncooperative, so services were held in the rain. Nevertheless, each man took his position in true YD fashion and the service was carried out.

The June meeting saw two more fellows join our ranks—Dave LaGamba and Pat Tavello, both of the 101st Inf. We welcome them to our Chapter and hope they will become good, active members. Cigars were given out by Sal Francesconi who is now the proud papa of a boy. Congrats, Sal.

Philadelphia was well represented at the National Convention in New Haven this year. Those attending were Chick Frazier, Art Raver, Karl Ley, Don Ross, Boston Kelly, and George Linthicum. The ladies attending were Emma Frazier, Peg Kelly, Jean Ross and Mrs. Teblum from our Auxiliary, and Mrs. Karl Ley and Mrs. George Linthicum. This was the first convention for many of us and we enjoyed meeting the comrades whose names we see in the Yankee Doings from time to time and whom we have heard about.

The New Haven Chapter is to be congratulated for handling the convention details so well. Everything from the initial registration on was well planned and carried out. Philadelphia handled itself well in the big parade and we managed to finally get in step when we went past the reviewing stand and even rated a salute from "Chick", who reviewed us. The ladies in Boston Kelly's convertible lent glamour to our delegation and I must say that our banner looked pretty good, both in the parade and in the hotel

lobby. So next year it's on to Boston and I'm sure that those who went to the convention this year have caught the bug and will be in Boston in '54. And we hope many more comrades will join us.

The July and August meetings were well attended, considering that it was the height of the vacation season. We have now begun work on our Fall project, the football raffle. As usual, first prize will be two season tickets to the Philadelphia Eagles Pro Football Home Games and we hope that everyone will go all out and make this raffle a success.

Everyone was glad to see Lou Wintner and Al Roberts again after short absences. Both are looking in top shape. Membership is very good this new fiscal year. Our Secretary says that for the first time in three years our membership has advanced instead of declined, and now we have reached 100% of last year's total. That is terrific and shows what can be done when you put some effort into a membership drive. We certainly hope that the pendulum continues to swing our way now and I know that everyone will continue to be alert for new members and bring them into our Chapter. As has been said before, you just can't have a better time on less money when you come around to the "Dugout".

For the benefit of those of you who might be reading this article for the first time, our meetings are held the first Friday of each month at the "Dugout", 3533 No. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Let's see every member out to each and every meeting through the Fall and Winter and with your support, Philadelphia will really go places this year.

—Art Raver

DEPARTMENT OF THE MIDDLE WEST

Commander: Edmund D. O'Connell, 7919 So. Union Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGO

Commander: A. J. Keyworth
6247 No. Wayne Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Secretary: John H. Donovan
64 West Randolph Street
Chicago 1, Illinois

Those pictures and Pete Bourget's report on the pilgrimage to France gave me the blues and tell me that I missed a good chance to cross that pond once more. Congratulations on the write-up, and now I shall turn my Doings over to the Sally Lassie who is quite interested in hearing all about the trip. Thanks Joe Lemire and Larry Cook for your kind remembrance of me; your postcards made me envious of your trip.

Hats off to Fred Flahaven of the Cleveland Chapter. Your write-up of your meetings was a lulu, and we here in Chicago, wish we had enough Do-re-mi in the treasury to attract our members to attend a meeting, even if they were a bunch of old ladies.

Spoke a little too early about Dana Hubbard in the last issue. I understand he is back in St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Illinois. Hope it isn't your ticker this time. Buck up, Dana, your number is not up yet, and don't miss our 20th celebration this fall. We need you to make it a success (Latest latrine rumor is that he is out again).

Gil Nape was in my office a couple of weeks ago, and informed me that he is now residing Chicago. Gave up his roadside cafe out in no-mai land.

Ed Morrissey, the Florida Avocado King, dropped into the office the other day and disputes anyone on the question of life in Florida. Oh yeah, Ed retired a few years ago, but that was not for Ed. He's back in the tubing business again, and, get this, he has six hundred chickens on his ranch. These chickens are scientifically fed, so, if you want good chickens, place your order with Ed now.

Ed O'Connell enjoyed himself at New Haven and he tells me he marched in the parade. That, I gotta see. I understand Ray Fick has not been feeling well lately; well, Ray, there's nothing better to cure you than your little old log cabin up in the Land-O-Lakes region of Wisconsin.

Memo to Lt. Gen. W. S. Paul: Your WW-II men in this area are not interested in Y. D. V. A. Perhaps a letter to them from you would instill a little more enthusiasm for membership. Several inquired about the trip to France last fall, but dropped it like a hot potato when membership in Y. D. V. A. was mentioned.

Wonder if Joe LeMire went to Sartes while on his trip to Pompierre.

That list under taps, sounds bad—Tom McDeavitt, Clyde Elliott, et. al., makes one wonder. May they rest in peace. The writer is off to Notre Dame

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for his annual retreat and, while there, will offer up his prayers for our deceased members. About 1,800 men attend this retreat, and it is quite a sight to watch these men, old and young participate in all the ceremonies for three days.

The following week—

Retreat over, and one of my fellow retreatants was the former Attorney General of Illinois, John E. Cassidy of Peoria, Illinois. He was with the 101st Machine Gun Battalion in World War I, and stated that he lost track of our association and forgot it. He will visit the Chicago Chapter in the late fall so you Chicago guys place a mark on the calendar for the occasion when you receive notice of the meeting. He is an interesting speaker and has a wonderful personality. He has me beaten, having 9 children to my 7.

Thanks, Fred Jones, P.N.C., for the card. Did you get mine? No, I didn't make the team—Leahy says I'm too old. By the way, I'm a Grandpa now; you should see me strut. Think I was in the Dark Town Strutters Ball.

How about having a National Executive Meeting out here when we celebrate our twentieth anniversary of membership in the Y.D.V.A. Don't all answer at once.

Daffinitions: Near future—When the YD history will be completed. Jack Donovan

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CLEVELAND, OHIO
Commander: Francis V. Baldo
1374 Sunset Road, Mayfield Height, Ohio
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
RFD 4, Park Road, Painesville, Ohio

Meeting Sunday, Sept 13, 1953. Election of Officers.

The following were elected to office for 1953-54.

Fred H. Flahaven, Commander; Henry Buehner, 1st Vice Commander; William Huebler, 2nd Vice Commander; Fred Bastel, Secretary; Steve Goehring, Treasurer; Ted Gonsalves, Chaplain; Dave Goldstein, Sgt.-at-Arms; Ed DuLude, Trustee, 1955; Herbert Riehl, Trustee, 1956.

The installation will take place October 19, 1953 at Brown's Colonial Inn, Shaw Ave., and Euclid Ave., in Cleveland.

The Past Commander's were having a meeting at the home of Johnnie McGloin the evening of Sept. 22, when the news came of the death of Harold Nelson. We usually have a great time at these meetings, but this news was a terrific shock. We all thought a great deal of him and will miss him.

Your commander-elect and writer of this item was in Canada on vacation so it is quite impossible for him to give you more of the details of the meeting, but rest assured it was up to standard. Next year Fred Bastel will give you the news in up-to-date form.

DETROIT
Commander: John Matthews, Jr.
3031 Hillger St., Detroit 14, Mich.
Secretary: Palmer Werner
7638 12th, Detroit 6, Mich.

On July 29 the Detroit Chapter of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association lost another comrade. Walter J. Barowski, World War I veteran. Walt was a Detroit City policeman. Walt, who suffered a heart attack left a widow and two children, 2 and 6 years of age.

Only July 31 the Detroit Chapter YDVA and the UFW Police Post 1278 held combined services at the Cylrowski Funeral Home. Representing the Detroit Police Post 1278 were Acting Commander Steve Kovar (8637 Bliss, Detroit 34); Chaplain John Lasanen (1928 Green, Detroit 9) and Fred Klumpp (15318 Ferguson, Detroit 27). Detroit YDers present were Cass Wojcik (who was Walt's brother-in-law), John Matthews, Pete Sady and yours truly.

The Detroit YDers will miss Walt who was active in our affairs and always around to get in our card games and was a generally swell guy.

Palmer Werner, *Secy-Treas.*
Detroit Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

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Desert Chapter

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4729 Narragansett Ave., Ocean Beach
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Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook
1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

After writing numerous letters saying I could not make the Convention, I did a complete turn about and made it anyway. With the held of a few aspirins and a pint of brandy, not discounting the front seat assistance of the Mrs. who told me when the traffic lights were green or red and watching for the route signs we finally drove into Worcester after 7½ days and 2800 odd miles. On Thursday, the opening day of the Convention, Fred Jones took over the car (I had enough driving) and headed for New Haven. Needless to say it was a swell convention and I am very glad I was able to be there. After being away for three years, it was a source of extreme pleasure to meet so many old pals. The girls were there in full regalia and regardless of my former thoughts on Auxiliaries they certainly are an asset to the Y.D.V.A. My personal congrats to Mrs. Irene Melville their new president (a swell gal).

I cannot voice the opinion of the Desert Chapter, but I personally can go along with the disappointment of the Connecticut Chapters in not being able to elect a National Commander. You certainly had the ball but somehow did not get the right kind of help in carrying it over. Three very good men, any one of which would make an outstanding National Commander and the Connecticut boys with a Convention city in their favor couldn't put over either one of their candidates. Where does the fault lie! Surely the outpost Chapters could have helped someone if they were given a chance to vote on so important an issue, but by your mandate at the Convention, this particular issue is denied us only if we can make the long expensive trip to a convention. It was very plain to the undersigned, that a great many Connecticut men were conspicious by their absence. Well the whole deal is over now, and you did pick a darn good man. I might say here, Mike, that the only thing us outsiders can do to help you this year is to get in all the members we have and look around for some more who have lost interest.

I arrived back home again about the 10th of July, and boy was it hot. However, the Friday night I spent on the ninth floor of the Taft hotel was a scorcher and Fred Jones and myself spent the night with numerous buckets of ice and wet towels trying to keep cool. Both of us being on the wagon, we did not have firewater to add to the heat.

Pay your dues. The Y.D.V.A. needs you and don't let anyone tell you different. A member of this Chapter, Clarence Esterbrook, formerly of Hdgs Co, 104th Inf. is in the Veterans' Hospital in Phoenix (note to Johnny Regan in Boston). A card or a letter would certainly help his morale.

This winds up what news is available from the Desert Chapter, so let me again extend the best wishes for a successful year in Y.D.V.A. to National Commander Mike O'Connor and National President Mrs. Irene Melville. Until we meet again.

Dinny O'Holbrook

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

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36 Tilton Ave., Kittery, Maine

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116 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

The State Department of New Hampshire held its annual picnic Saturday, August 15, at Bear Brook State Park at Allenstown, N. H.

Horseshoes, and other games were enjoyed, also dancing.

Dr. Chester Brown prepared a pot of delicious spaghetti, which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs. Sue Neponen of Worcester, Mass., has invited the Y.D. on Saturday, August 29, for supper.

We were very glad to have with us our first National President, Mrs. Ruth Meteyer of Bradford,

Mass., and glad to know her health is much improved.

We also had visitors from Boston among those our present National President, Mrs. Irene Melville of Charlestown, Mass., and other visitors from Worcester and Haverhill.

Yours In Y. D.

Laurice J. Harmon, *Secy.*

MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine
Secretary: Gertrude H. Drusendahl
Kittery Point, Maine

The Y. D. V. A. Auxiliary held a Special Meeting at the home of Mabel Ross. It was voted to send $25.00 to the Worcester Tornado Relief Fund.

Mabel Ross also held a Public Shower at her home. There were many lovely household gifts received. The gifts were sent on to one of the families in the Tornado Area to help replace some of the articles lost in the Tornado.

Many of our Auxiliary attended the Convention at New Haven, Conn. Our Auxiliary colors were used at the Convention.

Mabel Ross was elected National Jr. Vice President. Ellowean Anderson was elected National Historian.

Also of interest was this letter received from John J. Beretts, Lt., N.S.C., U.S.N., Special Services Officer, Veterans' Hospital, Yohsuka, Japan.

He wrote:

"It is indeed a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your many gifts that you and your associates donated. Your generous offerings are being distributed throughout the Hospital to our sick and wounded.

The fact that your organization thought enough to send gifts, is an inspiration to our patients, so far from home. Not only is your gesture of kindness appreciated by the patients but the staff and Commanding Officer as well."

Sincerely,

Gertrude Drusendahl
Auxiliary Secretary

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER Y.D.V.A. AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Helena Latham
34 Perkins Avenue, Northampton, Mass.
Secretary: Miss Barbara Packard
726 Bridge Road, Northampton, Mass.

The Northampton Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary held their annual banquet on May 20, the River Lodge in South Hadley. There were eleven of us present and every one had a lovely time and a wonderful meal. Also at this banquet, our President, Helena Latham presented "Bon Voyage" gifts to two members of our Auxiliary who are going away this summer, Florence Clark, who with her husband is traveling to California, and Barbara Packard, who is traveling to England.

The Northampton Chapter Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary had a turkey supper on May 23, in the Club Rooms and our guests were the members of the Chapter. There were 31 present and there was nothing left over which was a good sign that every thing was delicious.

We had the pleasure of entertaining the State Department here for their meeting on Sunday, June 7, both the Chapter and the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary were the guests of the Chapter for the first Memorial Service of the State Department. Lunch was served by the Auxiliary after the business meetings.

The men of the Chapter entertained the ladies of the Auxiliary at a picnic on August 22, at the cottage of Ed Bouthilette on the Manhan River in Easthampton. We had a lovely time and sure enjoyed the hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, etc., which were cooked on an outside fireplace, also some of us enjoyed a ride on the river in a motor boat.

Barbara R. Packard, *Secy.*

YDVA AUXILIARY OF SPRINGFIELD

President: Florence Patch
98 Alden St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Ave., Springfield, Mass.

Although no meetings have been held this summer, since the installation of the new officers on June 13th, the Springfield YDVA Auxiliary has not been idle.

Friday, June 19th, several members of both the Chapter and the Auxiliary helped Avis and Bob Beach celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

On Friday, August 28th, a very profitable Rummage Sale was held with Marge Scagliarini as Chairman, assisted by Avis Beach, Veronica Chapman, Irene Coons, Catherine Crokan and Dagmar O'Connell.

About 50 members of the Chapter and Auxiliary enjoyed a wonderful Hamburger and Hot Dog Roast (with all the fixins'—mmmm), which was held on Sunday, August 30th, at the home of Kit and Tom Crokan. Tables nicely decorated were set up under twin maples in their spacious yard. Our congenial Commander Hugh Scagliarini, assisted by Tom Crokan and Roswell Patch presided over the fireplace. Assisting Kit was Florence Flescher, Anna Mae Long, Marge Scagliarini and Ann Valentine.

For the first event of the Fall season a Card Party is scheduled on Tuesday, October 13th, with Past President Loretta Huntley as Chairman, assisted by all the Past Presidents of the Auxiliary. With all these "Old Timers" on deck this should be a success.

Here's hoping to see all our old members, plus some new ones, this coming year—and looking for a BIGGER and BETTER YD Auxiliary.

Yours in YD,

Ann Valentine, *Secy.*

BATTERY 'E' 101st F A (WW I)

Battery E, 101 F. A. WW-I, held their annual banquet and reunion recently at the Oxford Club in Lynn with a fine turn-out and one of the best get-togethers ever. Permanent chairman A. Raymond Doucette once again acted as M.C. and introduced all comrades present for a few remarks, some of which were real good.

Permanent Secretary Edmond Trudell had charge of arrangements. Present were: Joseph Jackman, Larry Gage, Bill Roome, Ted Dube and son, Leonce Thibault, Jim Connolly, Mike Garofano, Doc Pierce, Hank Grover, Web Blanchard, Jack Coughlin, Howie Phelan, Tom Curran, Jim Powers, Cutie Campbell, Al Munier, Joe Pesce, Artie Kavanaugh, George Young, Charlie Phelps, Arthur Priest, Six Mahoney, Dinger Meldon, Edgar Walsh, Amby Riggs, George Curley, Clarence Sewell, Sol Myers, Larry DeAngelis, Bill Mullin, Cut Curry, Pickles Kelley, Prett Whittier, Muscles Varnam, Buddy Morrison, Bunny Grimes, Skimmy Chase, Ray Codair, Al Horgan, George Pelletier and Charlie Durkee. Reported on sick list were Henry Graham, Doc Crowell, Jack LaCasse, Henry "Slickey" Sullivan, Warren Barrows, Eddie "Top Kick" Calhoun. Messages were received from Lt. Col. Peter O'Neill, Louis Wheelock, David Marshall, Royden Ganow, Col. Williard Luther and our old Skipper Tommie Sanders. The Duke

COMPANY 'D' 101st INFANTRY (WW I)

D Company Annual Reunion was held on Sunday, August 16, and was a great success with eighty-eight present.

Our guests were Vince Breen, George Cronin, Henry Goodnough, William McCarthy, Andy Carr and Charles H. Robbins, all former Commander's of the Company.

Our President, Frank Monish was the Mess Sergeant and was ably assisted by Cliff Burgess, John Cadman, John Murray, Louis Morton and Emory Randall.

Karl Roberts was Gen. Chairman, Earl Alexander sold tickets, Daniel Sullivan and Joseph Darsh took good care of the refreshments.

Many former members were there for the first time, Hubert O'Rourke, Pop Hanley, Eddie Troland, Chet Finn, Myer Callahan as well as Charles and Frank Scanlan, Bill Riley, and Fred Jackson who did a swell job getting the Boston boys down. Phil Sousa all the way from Allentown, Pa., Tubber Barnes, Herby Stewart, Ed Bergstrom, John Buckley, Slivers Connor, Frank O'Neil, Charlie Walker, Dave Dale, John Murray, Al Gifford, Myron Smith, Roy Beaman, Mel Sampson and yours truly.

Earl Alexander, *Secy.*

YANKEE DIVISION POST No. 290

At the last meeting of Yankee Division Post 290, which was held on Sept. 9, 1953 the following Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Commander, John J. Callanan, 1st V. C., Daniel A. Donovan; 2nd V. C., John A. Devine; Finance Officer, Jeane H. Fallon; Adjutant, William P. Riley; Chaplain, Henry A. Crawford.

There was a large delegation from the Post at the funeral of Past Commander, Jeremiah L. Doherty, which was held at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Sept. 11. Post members were: Guy H. Watts, Henry A. Crawford, Farrell B. Trayers, Charles P. O'Connor, Ed Connors, Jeanne Fallon, John Devine, Joseph H. Gillis, Bill Riley, Les Perry, Fred Jackson and many more.

Installation of the incoming officers will be held on Thursday evening, October 8, at 8.30 P. M., at the Y. D. Club, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston. Dancing and refreshments will follow the installation and all are cordially invited to attend.

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ROSS RHODES, who served with the 102nd Inf. and a former member of the Wallingford Chapter died recently.

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LARRY DeANGELIS, formerly with Bty 'E', 101st F. A., WW-I, died August 5, 1953. He was a member of the Lynn Chapter.

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DWIGHT BURNHAM, formerly of Bty 'D', 101st F. A., died August 15, 1953. He was a member of the Lynn Chapter.

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LT. OTTO E. DOBRATZ, Police Dept. Meriden, Conn., formerly with Co 'I', 102nd Inf. WW-I, died suddenly July 26, 1953. He was a former member of the Meriden Chapter YDVA.

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BIRGER WEIBY, formerly with Co 'D', 101 Eng. WW-I, died August 22, 1953.

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HARRY L. DALZELL, formerly with Co 'D', 101 Eng. WW-I, died June 30, 1953.

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EMMONS S. SAULT, formerly with 102nd Field Hospital, died after a brief illness at Meriden, Conn., April 9, 1953. He was a member of the local chapter.

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PATRICK F. AHERN, formerly of Co. G, 101st Inf., WW I, and 181st Inf. WW II, died Sept. 22, 1953 at Worcester, Mass. He was a member of the YD Club of Worcester and the YDVA.

CLARENCE L. ESTABROOK, Hqrs. Co 104th Inf. WW-I, died at the Veterans' Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona, Sept. 1, 1953. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter and went to Arizona several years ago for his health. Burial was at Arlington, Mass. He was a member of the Desert Chapter of Phoenix.

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EVERETT A. STRACHAN, formerly with Hqrs. Co. 104th Inf. WW-I, died at Gloucester, Mass., August 17, 1953.

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MICHAEL J. MORIARTY, formerly with Co. 'C', 101st Inf. WW-I, died after a long illness at the Veterans' Hospital, Boston, Mass., Sept. 4, 1953.

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CAPTAIN HENRY D. CORMERAIS, formerly with Co 'C', and Hdqrs. 101st Inf. WW-I, died Sept. 10, 1953 after a long illness. He was a charter member of the YD Club of Boston and a former Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co.

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JOSEPH W. KULDA, formerly with Hdqrs Co. 101st Eng. WW-I, died Sept. 13, 1953 after a long illness. He was a member of the Boston Chapter YDVA.

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OLIVER W. HOOD, formerly of 'A', Co., 104th Inf. WW-I, died suddenly at Orlando, Florida, June 15, 1953. He was a member of the Lynn Chapter. He was buried in Lynn and members of the Chapter acted as Pall Bearers.

JOHN W. MALCOLM, formerly with Co 'F', 102nd Inf. WW-I, died recently. He was a member of the Hartford Chapter YDVA.

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GEORGE O'MALLEY, formerly with Co 'K', 101st Inf. WW-I, died August 27, 1953 at Clinton, Mass.

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WILLIAM (Chick) GIBSON, 'M', Co., 103rd Inf., died suddenly April 28. He was a former member of the Lynn Chapter.

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ANSELME (SAM) DUFAULT, formerly with Co 'C', 104th Inf. WW I, died at Spencer, Mass., where he was the Veterans Service Officer for the town of Spencer. He was a member of the Worcester, Chapter YDVA.

WILLIAM F. REARDON, formerly with Co 'C', 101st Field Signal Bn. WW-I, died Sept. 22, 1953 at his home, Dorchester, Mass. Burial services were held on September 25, 1953 with internment at Old Calvary Cemetery, Mattapan, Mass.

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PERCY A. HORNE, formerly with the MP's and Train Hqrs. WW I, died August 19, 1953 at Dedham, Mass.

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JEREMIAH L. DOHERTY, formerly with the 101st, 104th, 328th and Division Hdqrs. WW-II, died suddenly Sept. 12, 1953. He was a former Judge Advocate of the YDVA, Past Commander of the YD Post No. 290 A. L. and a member of the YD Club of Boston and the YD Veterans' Association. He was buried with full military honors with eight of his former comrades acting as Pall Bearers.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: James F. Meikle, RFD 1, Unionville, Conn.
Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 1953

Now that all the vacations are over, the Dept. of Conn. Y.D.V.A. have started in for the winter with the opening meeting at Roton Point Park, with Norwalk Chapter as host.

Commander James Meikle opened the meeting in form. Chaplain Tom Porter gave the prayer.

Roll Call 9 — Chapters 9.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read.

Treasurer's report is as follows: Flower Fund, $81.47; General Fund, $110.20—Total $191.67.

Commander Meikle had Mrs. Irene Melville, National President of the Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary, escorted to his station where she was introduced to the comrades and their ladies. Commander Meikle then called on the following to take a bow, P.N.C. Al Herman, P.D.C. Barney Clark, P.D.C. Clyde E. Beckwith, P.D.C. Tom Porter, P.D.C. Sam Marcus and Chapter Commander Cleveland Brown.

A letter from Gardner Hall was read regarding revision of the National By-Laws. This letter was tabled until Commander Meikle saw Commander O'Connor and Gardner Hall at Worcester.

As no word was received from George Semerau, P.D.C. Tom Porter was nominated and elected to fill out the rest of the year as chaplain.

P.N.C. Al Herman presented a Certificate of Meritorious Service to a representative of the Norwalk Hour for the fine cooperation the paper gave the Norwalk Chapter YDVA. Also Commander Meikle presented a Certificate of Meritorious Service to the Norwalk Chapter Commander Cleveland Brown for his services and hard work.

Irene Melville was then called on by Commander Meikle who talked on the Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary, their work and their aims.

October meeting indefinite as New Britain cannot take it. You will be notified on your Second Notice Cards.

Meeting adjourned. —H. Leroy Woodcock, *Sec.*

BOSTON CHAPTER

John F. (TOP) Regan, Hqtrs. 104th WW I, has been at the Veterans Hospital, South Huntington Ave., Boston for the past two months. Frank Spooner, MG Co 104th Inf. WW I, had an emergency operation on Sept. 22nd for ulcers and is at the same hospital. Send them a card.

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